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1. WE BELIEVE THAT ADVICE GIVEN E/C COUNSELOR BY SERBIAN SECRETARY FOR ECONOMY JOVANOVIC TO EFFECT THE U.S. SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON DJERDAP III IS BASED ON SEVERAL CONSIDERATIONS.

2. FIRST, WITH REGARD TO SERBIAN TRADE DEFICIT WITH THE WEST, IT IS OBVIOUS INTENTION OF SERBIAN AUTHORITIES TO REDUCE THIS DEFICIT IN THE YEARS AHEAD SO THAT BY TIME OF SOURCING FOR DJERDAP III (ABOUT 1981), MAJOR PURCHASE FROM WESTERN SUPPLIER WILL BE POSSIBLE.

3. SECOND, SOVIETS SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT FOR DJERDAP I AND IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING THEREFORE IF THEY WERE TO FOLLOW ON WITH EQUIPMENT FOR DJERDAP II (ALTHOUGH THIS STILL NOT CONFIRMED). ALSO, BOTH DJERDAP I AND II ARE JOINT PROJECTS WITH ROMANIA, ON BOTH SIDES OF DANUBE, AND THIS MAY HAVE SOME BEARING ON MATTER. DJERDAP III, HOWEVER, REPRESENTS A SEPARATE
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AND MORE ADVANCED STAGE OF THE PROJECT'S DEVELOPMENT FOR WHICH WESTERN EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY WILL APPARENTLY BE REQUIRED. SPECIFICALLY, THIS STAGE WILL HAVE CAPACITY OF 600 MEGAWATTS AND WILL UTILIZE REVERSIBLE TYPE TURBINES PROBABLY BASED ON AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY. IT WILL BE ON THE YUGOSLAV SIDE ONLY.

4. FINALLY, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT DECISION TO SOURCE DJERDAP II

FROM THE USSR MAY BE MADE ON POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC
GROUNDS. CLEAR MESSAGE FROM JOVANOVIĆ WAS THAT WITH REGARD
TO DJERDAP III POLITICAL DECISION MAY WELL BE TO PURCHASE
EQUIPMENT FOR THIS STAGE OF THE PROJECT FROM THE WEST AND,
QUITE LIKELY, FROM U.S. FIRMS.
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